

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of November 11, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

El Paso Natural Gas Cameron Area Abandoned Mines: Representatives from El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) traveled to Region 9 on November 8 to discuss next steps in completing the lateral characterization of the 19 mines on Navajo Nation for which they have responsibility. Deliberative

EPNG agreed not to pursue dispute resolution as well as to complete full Removal Site Evaluations (RSE) for their two priority mines by 2018. (Contact: Amanda Pease, x2-3068)

Triple Site/Offsite OU (Sunnyvale, CA): This past week EPA received a signed mitigation access agreement from the owner of a rental property who had been refusing for several months to consent to mitigation at her rental building (occupied by a family with small children). We also met with officials from the City of Sunnyvale to provide an update on the ongoing VI evaluation effort in the Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood. EPA also initiated a discussion about working with the City to integrate a notification procedure into existing City permitting programs, so that EPA would be notified of new construction or significant remodeling over the plume. Finally, post-mitigation sampling results following the installation of a mitigation system in **Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)** small gymnasium confirm the success of the sub-slab depressurization (SSD) system. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz x2-3242).

Lorentz Barrel and Drum (San Jose, CA): On November 8, the EPA RPM, Daewon Rojas-Mickelson, and a representative of the PRP group met with the San Jose State University (SJSU) Director of Planning and Athletic Director to discuss development of the South Campus near the Lorentz site. SJSU's development plan for the South Campus includes a baseball stadium where a number of existing groundwater extraction wells are currently located. The objective of the meeting was to improve understanding of current site conditions and to discuss possible solutions that would allow the South Campus development to proceed with minimal impact to the existing Lorentz Barrel and Drum remedy. (Contact: Daewon Rojas-Mickelson, x7-4191)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee and Supervisor Malia Cohen invited the Navy, EPA, and the State Department of Toxic Substances Control to meet November 3 regarding the Navy contractor Tetra Tech falsification of radiological test results. The Navy shared its plan to hire a 3rd party independent contractor to develop a workplan to scan and collect samples at potentially affected portions of the Shipyard in the next 10-16 months. The Mayor and Supervisor were concerned about health impacts and about delay of property transfer for redevelopment. The agencies confirmed no likely immediate health risk and

committed to give the matter high priority effort. The Mayor has set up several monthly leadership meetings to track progress. Congresswoman Pelosi's Chief of Staff joined by phone. He stated that Hunters Point will get an extra \$7 million to work on cleanup in this year's budget. (Lily Lee, x7-4187 or Jackie Lane, x2-3236)

Yosemite Slough: On November 4, EPA signed two Interim Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) with two groups of parties (Cooperating Parties and Government Parties) to conduct nine technical studies. These studies will support the eventual design for the action selected in the 2014 Action Memorandum, which is to remove PCBs and lead from sediments at the site. The AOCs became effective on November 7. (Contact: Yvonne Fong, x7-4117)

Central Valley Chemical Safety Day: EPA presented on Chemical Facility Safety at the 5th Annual Chemical Safety Day on November 10 in Turlock, CA. The purpose of the event was to increase industry, first responder, regulator and public awareness about the importance of preparing for chemical emergencies and to encourage companies and their employees to take action. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities for the awareness and safe use of hazardous chemicals. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Significant Items for Next Week

Navajo Area Uranium Mines – Small and Tribal Business Owned Outreach: Next week, Region 9 staff (Autumn Roe and Chip Poalinelli) and the DBE Program National Coordinator (Teree Henderson) will continue our outreach to small and tribal owned business by participating in *The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development – Reservation Economic Summit* being held November 14 – 17 in Santa Fe, NM. EPA's participation will include participating in the business matchmaking sessions, participating in panel discussions, and hosting an informational booth. (Contact: Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390 or Autumn Roe, x2-3933)

Triple Site (Sunnyvale, CA): Mitigation system installations are planned for next week at one residential building (a duplex) and one school building **Personal Privacy (b) (7) (C)**
This will bring the total number of residential mitigation system installations to 9 total (out of 11) and the total number of school building installations to 5 total (out of 10). (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Gibson Wine Company: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

Enforcer
(Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

Mainland Regional Response Team Meeting: On November 7-9, we co-hosted the mainland RRT meeting at the Washoe County Emergency Operations Center in Reno. The focus was inland area planning. We were joined by several colleagues from Region 10 who presented on a recent train derailment of Bakken crude oil in the Columbia River gorge and there northwest area plan. We also heard from the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response about their newly developing inland area planning program. OSPR has defined six inland waterways as priorities for area planning, in addition to the five waterways that have existing geographic response plans that need updating. OSPR is close to finalizing the hiring of approximately 38 staff people to assist with the inland planing effort. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Confidential Information